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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 22ND, 1890.

In Saturday's issue we printed an interesting and exhaustive article, from the pen of M. de KERNARDEZ, French Consul at Yunnan, on the trade of Yunnan by the Red River Route. The Consul has, of course, good sources of information at his command in the capital of Tonquin, and he has made industrious use of them. In drawing deductions from the statistics compiled, he seems to have been actuated by a desire to carefully avoid painting the prospects of trade in too vivid hues. To some persons of sanguine temperament, doubtless, his conclusions will appear disappointing. But it must be confessed—however unpleasant the admission may be to those who built their castles in connection with this Song-Koi route—that M. de KERNARDEZ has based his estimates on good hard, dry figures, and that he is more likely to be right than in believing the Yunnan trade cannot fulfil the expectations formed for some years at all events. As a matter of fact, it is very rarely that the trade established with a place equals the anticipations of those interested. Most of the Treaty ports of China afford illustrations to point; Hankow being a signal example. The province of Yunnan suffered so severely by the Mahomedan rebellion in suppressing which the Chinese Government waged a war of extermination against the unhappy people without distinction of age or sex—that the population was reduced to less than one-half, whole districts being converted into silent wastes; and we believe that M. de KERNARDEZ overstates the mark when he sets down the population at eight millions. Six millions would be nearer the mark, probably, and the population is scattered, as he remarks, over a vast territory in considerable portion of which is incapable of cultivation. But Yunnan possesses great mineral wealth, and her copper, tin, and silver mines might all be rendered much more productive. M. de KERNARDEZ thus sums up his review of the prospects of the trade—"If it is true the mineral wealth of Yunnan is great, it is not less true that in practice copper, which forms its base, is not sold for export, that the Tonquin route is not favourable for lead and zinc, the districts producing these metals being too far from the Annamese frontier, and that the tin obtained near the frontier seems to remain the principal, or rather almost the only, element of trade by the new route. If the production of this metal be tripled, it will represent a value of ten million francs. Tin, opium, and a few other products suitable for export, would add to this sum a few hundred thousand francs. In conclusion, we are compelled to admit that under the most favourable circumstances—under conditions very different from those of to-day—the trade by the Red River could hardly attain a total of twenty million francs." The Consul is, moreover, of opinion that for some years, even after the suppression of the black mail levied on the trade at Lao-kai, it would scarcely exceed ten million francs. Nevertheless he is clearly in favour of the Song-Koi being opened up to trade, and believes that it would lead to a great development of the commerce of Tonquin. Of this we think there can be no reasonable doubt, and it is just as natural to suppose that the provinces adjoining Yunnan would participate in and swell the volume of trade, while the population of Yunnan, and consequently its producing and consuming power, would rapidly increase with the quickening of trade and the security to life and property gained by the suppression of the Black and Yellow Flags.

The Green Steamship Company's steamer *Anchor* left Liverpool for this port and Shanghai on the 17th instant.

The *Gazette* notices an extension of three months to Mr. S. H. Shaw, Crown Solicitor, commencing on the 18th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Arctique*, with the next outward French mail, passed Cape St. James at 2 p.m. on the 19th inst. on route for this port.

The Queen's exequatur empowering the Hon. W. Kowloon to act as Consul for Denmark at Hongkong received Her Majesty's signature on the 24th September.

It is some time, says the *Singapore Journal* of 20th instant, since we have had to deplore any criminal attack on Europeans travelling in the interior. We learn with regret that a few days ago in the *Arroyo de Sonting*, it is thought that his coolies were the authors of the crime.

A fire broke out about noon yesterday in a masted at Lap Sang Wan, near the wharves. The fire spread to the adjoining structure, and was not extinguished until about twenty minutes had been destroyed. It originated through the carelessness of a boy who was engaged in preparing food in the place, which animals are kept in large numbers in the quarters.

The interference from office of Mr. H. F. Gibbons, Registrar of the Supreme Court, Official Assignee, Official Assignee in Bankruptcy, and Registrar of Companies, is requested, the intervention dated from the 24th instant. Mr. W. H. R. Messop is requested to officiate as Registrar of Companies during the said intervention, but very seriously no mention is made of Mr. Messop in the order of the court. Mr. Messop is at present doing so.

The *Malacca Straits* publishes the following extract of a letter from a Japanese military officer at present pursuing his studies in Europe: "When I began to study with a member of the French Military Mission who was formerly in Japan he always remarks to me, 'Japan is indeed a pleasant country, since my return to France, I feel as if I had been in a prison.'"

"I cannot but say, however, that there are now many people in Japan striving to obtain the establishment of representative institutions; it is an excellent idea, and one which will be the most favoured and happiest of nations."

Messrs. Malabar, Jullien & Co., in their circular dated Bangkok, 18th October, state that the rice market in that city is very quiet, and that the rice trade is not so active as it was some time ago.

The following Circular Despatch is published in the *Gazette* for general information.—Down-street, 24th September, 1890.—Sir, I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the question of the privilege accorded to members of the Civil Service in the Colony by Mr. Secretary Cardwell's Circular of 17th December, 1884, of becoming Directors of Public Companies under certain conditions.

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